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6. [] Met with Senator Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) and explained to him the facts regarding the Joseph Alsop column of 21 February based on sensitive information concerning new Chinese radar installations. I said this did create a serious security problem, that I was reasonably confident the leak did not come from the Agency, and that our suspicion was that it came from Defense or the White House. Nunn seemed much concerned about this and I reviewed with him the perennial problem of security leaks, often from high places and sometimes for legitimate purposes. I also said we were exploring with Justice the possibility of tightening up the espionage laws, particularly regarding intelligence sources and methods.

Nunn asked a number of questions about classification procedures and the responsibilities for protecting classified information. He said he planned a speech on the floor deploring the irresponsible disclosures of classified information, and wondered if we could contribute some suggestions. I said we applauded his concern about the matter and would be glad to try to be helpful.

I briefed Nunn on recent developments regarding Soviet bomber, Soviet surface-to-air missiles, a large Soviet ICBM, a possible second Soviet carrier, and an elaborate Chinese communications system. Nunn said he would appreciate such roundup briefings periodically in the future.

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7. [] Met with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and reported to them on my conversation with Senator Sam Nunn (see above).

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8. [] Met with Dorothy Fosdick and Richard Perle, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee staff, and briefed them on a Soviet bomber, ~~Soviet surface-to-air missiles~~, a large Soviet ICBM, a possible second Soviet carrier, and an elaborate Chinese communications system.

Perle indicated that Senator Jackson's Interior Committee was very active in looking into the fuel and energy crisis. I told him of the request we had gotten from John Ritch, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, for information on the same subject. Perle suggested we refer Ritch to James Akins, Director of the Fuel and Energy Division of State.

Perle said the Soviets were encouraging the U.S. business community with prospects of extensive Soviet/American trade, which the business community in turn was putting pressure on Congress to facilitate such trade. Perle doubts that the Soviets have the exchange necessary to follow through and would like a briefing on this subject and also the Soviet grain situation in the near future, which I promised to arrange.

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